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<b>Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/599,487	<b>Applicant(s)</b> YAMAMOTO ET AL.	
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Date of Interview: 18 August 2009.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.  
If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 11.

Identification of prior art discussed: US 5,999,840 by Grimson et al.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☒ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Examiners and applicant reached an agreement in which the applicant will consider amending the claims to clarify the element "unexposed portion" to be defined as a portion below the surface of the body.  
Applicant amendments to claim 11, submitted in the interview request form, overcome the 101 rejection.

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(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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/Ruth S. Smith/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3737	
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